ATM in villages

*44. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow Regional Rural Banks to set up Automated Teller Machines in villages;

(b) whether the banks would also handle pension and other Government business, if so, by when; and

(c) whether these facilities would be made available in all villages throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) *vide* its circular dated 27th December, 2005 has allowed the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to set up off-site Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in their area of operation after assessing the cost and benefit.

RBI has also permitted RRBs desirous of handling pension and other Government business to take up this work as sub-agents of banks which have been authorized of handle Government business.

Loans under PMRY

*47. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from various States about rejection of loan application on a large scale and delay in sanctioning and disbursement of loans by Andhra Pradesh based Public Sector Banks under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana (PMRY);

(b) if so, the details of complaints received from Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, year-wise and bank-wise; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve the loan sanctioning/disbursement position under PMRY in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) RBI has reported that complaints have been received regarding various aspects of implementation of the scheme such as rejection, insistence on collateral security, delay in sanction/disbursement, etc. at Central Office